कितनी है जो इस वर्ष पूरी की जानी हैं/ इस वर्ष पूरी होनी थीं लेकिन पूरी नहीं की जा सकीं और उनको पूरा करने के लिए क्या नया लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भक्त चरण दास) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) उदुपी-रोहा (768 कि० मी०) कोंकण रेलवे निगम द्वारा कार्य निष्पादित किया जा रहा है ।

(ग) 8 नई लाइन खंडों परियोजनाओं को 31-3-1991 तक पूरा किए जाने की संभावना है कोरापुट-रायगडा परियोजना (92 कि० मी०) का एक भाग पूरा नहीं किया जा सका और अब इसे 31-12-1991 तक पूरा करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है ।

Loss due to hailstorms

*195. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss of crops in Delhi, Haryana, U. P. and other areas in North India due to hailstorms in the month of February, 1991;

(b) whether Government propose to provide assistance to farmers whose crops were damaged due to hailstorms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Hailstorm occurred in some parts of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and U. T. of Delhi on 11th February, 1991. Only the State of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh and U. T. of Delhi reported damage to crops due to hailstorm. As per preliminary estimate, crops in varying degrees were damaged in 281 villages in the Districts of Rohtak, Bhiwani, Faridabad, Narnaul, Ambala & Yamuna Nagar in Haryana and 407 villages of Gaziabad and Bulandshahar Districts in Uttar Pradesh. In Delhi, agriculture crops in about 18,000 acres were affected more than 50 per cent in 25 villages.

(b) and (c) The primary responsibility for providing relief in the wake of Natural Calamities including hailstorms rests with the State Governments concerned. Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure, a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been constituted for each State with an allocated amount, 75 per cent of which is to be contributed by Central Government in four quarterly instalments of Central contribution for 1990-91 to these states have been released to enable the State Governments to provide necessary relief to the affected farmers. The State Governments have been requested to extend immediate assistance to the affected farmers.

Japanese loan for the development of Buddhist Centres in the country

*196. DR.. YELAMANCHILI SHIVAJI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the japanese Government have recently sanctioned about Rs. 100 crores as grant-cum-loan to develop the Buddhist Centres in various States; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) how the amount was distributed among various States;

(c) whether any request has been received from Andhra Pradesh for sanctioning any amount from this grant; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) The Government of Japan

have agreed to provide loan assistance of Yen 9.244 billion (approximately Rs. 100 crores) and not the grant-cum-loan for developing the tourism infrastructure at places connected with the life of Lord Buddha only in the States of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The sub-components of the project include strengthening of roads and bridges along the National and State Highways in the States of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, setting up of wayside amenities/ hotels, augmentation of water supply/ electricity, import of cars/coaches, etc.

(b) The loan assistance of Rs. 100 crores would be provided against the total project cost of Rs. 174.58 crores. The cost of sub-components of the project in the State of Bihar is estimated at Rs. 98.64 crores and for Uttar Pradesh Rs. 75.94 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Central assistance for construction of all-weather Jetty at Elephanta

*197. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Minister of Tourism had made a commitment to bear fifty per cent cost by the Central Government for the construction of an all-weather Jetty at Elephanta; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government in respect of the above commitment?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) A former Minister is understood to have indicated his willingness to consider some financial assistance for the project.

(b) Ministry of Tourism had sanctioned Rs. 10.50 lakhs for strengthening of a Jetty at Elephanta during the Sixth Five Year Plan. Maharashtra Government have now come with a proposal for assistance to meet fifty per cent of the cost for a new Jetty to be built at a cost of Rs. 03.08 crores. It is not possible to sanction another Jetty at Elephanta owing to the high cost of the project in relation to limited funds available for such projects.

Import of milk products

*198. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were commercial imports of milk products during 1988-89 despite an increase in the annual milk production in the country as compared to 1987-88;

(b) whether the per capita milk production during 1990-91 has gone up to warrant exports of milk powder by the NDDB; and

(c) whether it is a fact that NDDB is planning to import milk powder again for 1991-92 to meet its requirements for Delhi and Calcutta?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Following the severe drought during the year 1987, the levels of milk procurement during the year 1988-89 were not sufficient to meet the increased needs of liquid milk marketing. Commercial import of milk powder was, therefore, undertaken to bridge the gap between procurement and marketing.

(b) The export of milk powder has been allowed to enable National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to earn foreign exchange for the import of palmolein for use in the market intervention operation of NDDB.

(c) No request for import of milk powder has been received from NDDB.